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SUBJECT: NAS AGREEMENT: BIOLOGICAL RESEARCH AT
SHEMYAKIN INSTITUTE

1. REQUEST SCIOFF CONTACT ROBERT M. HOFFMAN IN MOSCOW.
HOFFMAN IS RESEARCHER AT GENETICS UNIT OF MASSACHUSETTS
GENERAL HOSPITAL AND IS CURRENTLY FINISHING UP THREE-MONTH
NAS VISIT TO SHEMYAKIN INSTITUTE OF BIO-ORGANIC CHEMISTRY
WITH PROFESSOR L. D. BERGELSON. RESEARCH INVOLVES GENETICS
AND BIOCHEMISTRY OF CANCER AND INBORN ERRORS OF METABOLISM.

2. HOFFMAN REPORTS HAVING MADE GOOD PROGRESS WITH FULL
SUPPORT OF BERGELSON AND INSTITUTE. CONSEQUENTLY, HE
REQUESTS THREE MONTHS' EXTENSION OF VISIT WHICH NAS WOULD
BE INCLINED TO GRANT, SUBJECT TO ACCEPTANCE BY SOVIET ACAD-
EMY. HOWEVER, BEFORE DOING SO, NAS WILL WANT A STATEMENT
FROM HOFFMAN DESCRIBING ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF INITIAL RE-
SEARCH PERIOD AND RESEARCH GOALS FOR ADDITIONAL THREE
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MONTHS FOR REVIEW BY ITS ADVISORY COMMITTEE. HE SHOULD ALSO
INCLUDE STATEMENT CONCERNING CONTINUING ADHERENCE TO GUIDE-
LINES ESTABLISHED AT ASILOMAR CONFERENCE AND HEW ADVISORY
COMMITTEE ON RECOMBINANT DNA MOLECULES.

3. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS EMBASSY INFORM HOFFMAN OF FORE-

GOING. ALSO REQUEST EMBASSY TRANSMIT HOFFMAN STATEMENT
TO DEPARTMENT BY CABLE IN VIEW OF SENSITIVITY AND URGENCY
OF ABOVE SUBJECT. PLEASE SLUG REPLY "EUR/SOV PASS
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